Foreign Trips by PSUs

*339. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state the details of foreign trips undertaken by officials of Ministry of Civil Aviation the rank of Deputy Secretary and above in connection with the official work of the Ministry and its allied PSUs such as AAI, Pawan Hans, Air India and Indian Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): Eleven Officers of the Ministry of Civil Aviation of Deputy Secretary and above undertook a total of 31 foreign trips in the current financial year in connection with the official work of the Ministry and its allied PSUs.

Flaws in Water Management

†*340. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report issued by World Bank in May, 2002 with regard to water management in India;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that it has been mentioned in the said report that as a result of flaws in water management an annual loss of Rs. 74,730 crores is being suffered as per 1994-95 prices; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) to (c) The World Bank in one of its reports entitled "Initiating and Sustaining Water Sector Reforms: a Synthesis" published in 1999 had opined that there were certain shortcomings in the water resources management in the country, such as emphasis on development of water resources instead of its efficient management, need for comprehensive basin-wise management of water resources, absence of conjunctive use of surface and ground water, lack of concerns for quality and quantity aspects of water and non resolution of contentious issues of allocation of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.